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SUBJECT: MEZTING WITH MRS. KIM KWAN-SOK

1. EMBOFF MET WIFE OF REV. KIM KWAN-SOK MORNING
OF JULY 11 AT NCCC-K OFFICE. MRS. KIM SAID THAT SHE
IS NOW ABLE TO VISIT HER HUSBAND ONCE A WEEK, THAT
HIS HEALTH AND SPIRIT HAD IMPROVED, AND THAT THREE
MORE TRIAL SESSIONS WERE EXPECTED BEFORE THE COURT
WOULD PRONOUNCE ITS VERDICT, WHICH SHE EXPECTED TO
COME TOWARD SECOND HALF OF AUGUST. SHE ALSO
MENTIONED THAT SHE WAS FREQUENTLY RECEIVING ANONYMOUS
LATE NIGHT TELEPHONE CALLS SAYING THAT HER HUSBAND
WILL SOON BE FREED, BUT IF HE RESUMED HIS SUBVERSIVE
ACTIVITIES THE GOVERNMENT WOULD BE MUCH HARsher WITH
HIM.

2. MRS. KIM SAID THAT SHE HERSELF HAD HOPES BASED
ON CONVERSATIONS WITH CHURCH AND GOVERNMENT PEOPLE
THAT HER HUSBAND WOULD BE RELEASED WITHIN A MONTH,
BUT SHE WAS VERY MUCH CONCERNED THAT IN THE LIGHT
OF THE TIGHT RESTRICTIONS WHICH WOULD BE PLACED
UPON HIM, "HIS LIFE OUTSIDE PRISON MAY BECOME EVEN
MORE DIFFICULT FOR HIM THAN IN PRISON."
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